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SUBJECT: GERMAN GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN COMMENTS ABOUT
MONDALE-SCHMIDT TALKS ON GERMAN-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR
AGREEMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF A SUMMARY
OF COMMENTS MADE BY GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN BOELLING ON
THE RESULTS OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN VICE-PRESIDENT
MONDALE AND FRG CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT ABOUT THE GERMAN
NUCLEAR AGREEMENT WITH BRAZIL.

2. QUESTION: WILL THE AGREEMENT REMAIN AS IT IS?
BOELLING: I BELIEVE THAT THE CHANCELLOR ANSWERED
THIS PRECISE QUESTION WHEN HE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY
THAT WITHIN THE NEXT WEEKS CONSULTATIONS ON A HIGH
LEVEL WERE TO TAKE PLACE ON THE OVERALL PROBLEM OF
NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION, WHICH MEANS THAT IT IS
IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY ANYTHING SPECIFIC ABOUT THE BRAZILI-
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QUESTION: IS THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT PREPARED TO
NEGOTIATE AMENDMENT OF THE NPT?
BOELLING: WE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN EVERY MEETING OF
THE SUPPLIERS' CONFERENCE WITH THE SAME INTENTION AS
THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT, THAT IS TO MAKE THE INSTRU-
MENTS OF THE NPT EFFECTIVE. YOU WILL PROBABLY REMEM-

BER THAT THE CHANCELLOR RAISED THE QUESTION WHETHER THE NPT WERE STILL EFFICIENT IN VIEW OF ADVANCES IN NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY. THIS IS DOUBTED BY SOME PEOPLE.

QUESTION: DOES THIS MEAN THAT THE CHANCELLOR THINKS THAT ANY ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS WOULD ONLY BE APPLIED TO FUTURE AGREEMENTS AND NOT BE PART OF THE BRAZILIAN AGREEMENT?

BOELLING: I HAVE ALREADY BEEN ASKED THIS QUESTION SEVERAL TIMES, BUT BEFORE IT CAN BE ANSWERED ONE MUST CONDUCT CONCRETE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE US AND FIND OUT WHAT ITS PRECISE IDEAS ARE.

QUESTION: DOES THIS MEAN THAT THE BRAZILIAN AGREEMENT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AS ALL OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS WERE IN THE PAST AND, THAT APART FROM THIS, FUTURE AGREEMENTS WILL HAVE TO CONTAIN THESE NEW PROVISIONS?

BOELLING: I ASK YOUR APPRECIATION OF THE FACT THAT I CANNOT ANSWER THIS BEFORE THE CONSULTATIONS ABOUT THE MANY AND DIVERSE ASPECTS OF THIS MATTER HAVE STARTED. BUT WHEN THE CHANCELLOR ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WITH THE AMERICAN VICE PRESIDENT THAT HE WAS WILLING TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES, THIS DOES NOT CONTRADICT HIS STATEMENT THAT WE ARE ACCUSTOMED TO FULFILLING OUR CONTRACT COMMITMENTS.

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3. IN RESPONSE TO FURTHER QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE CONSULTATIONS, BOELLING EXPLAINED THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH DISCUSSIONS. FURTHERMORE THIS WHOLE TOPIC HAD ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE NEW AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION THROUGH NORMAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. BOELLING WENT ON TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING REMARK IN RESPONSE TO AN INAUDIBLE QUESTION REGARDING SAFEGUARDS: THIS FACTOR PLAYS A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE INNER-AMERICAN DISCUSSION AS WE ALL KNOW. IT IS CERTAINLY POSSIBLE THAT THE CRITICAL REFLECTIONS BY THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT WERE AIMED IN THIS DIRECTION. THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE AMERICANS WILL SHOW WHETHER IT WAS ONLY THIS. WE ALL KNOW THAT THE AMERICAN VICE-PRESIDENT WAS NOT THE FIRST NEGOTIATOR ON THIS TOPIC. THIS WAS CLEAR FROM THE VERY BEGINNING. END INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF SUMMARY REPORT. STOESEL

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